

# Massively Parallel Molecular–Continuum Simulations with the Macro-Micro-Coupling Tool

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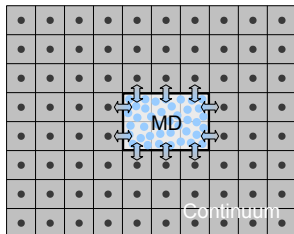
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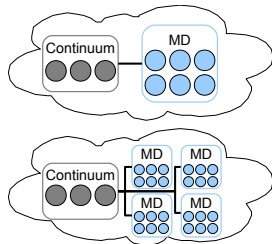
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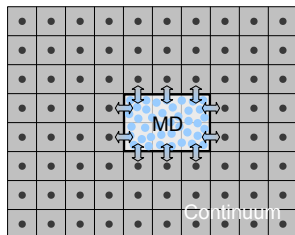
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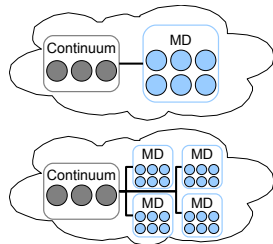
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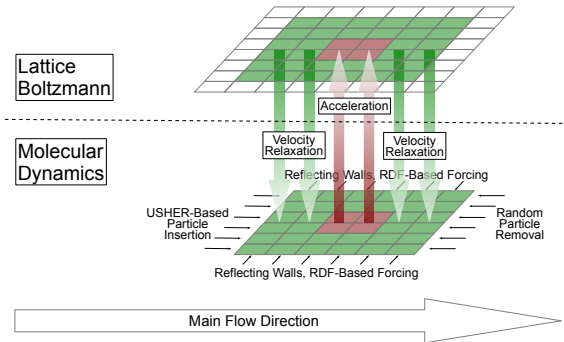


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**Goal: Provide a Tool for Flexible Parallel Mesh–Particle Multiscale Coupling**

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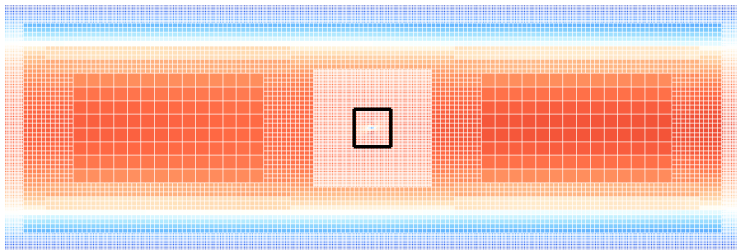
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- State-based coupling, following the coupling approach of Dupuis et al.<sup>1</sup>
- Channel flows

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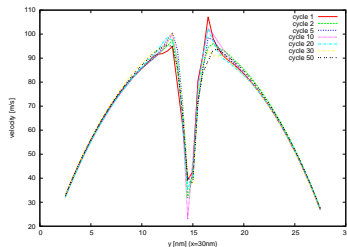
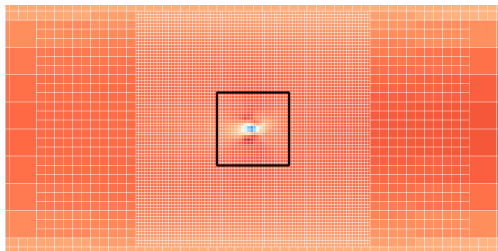


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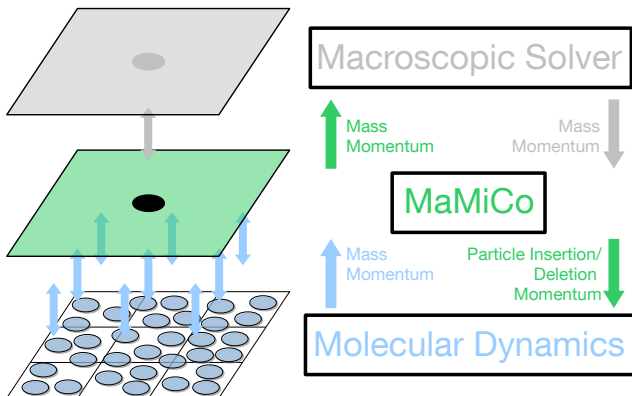


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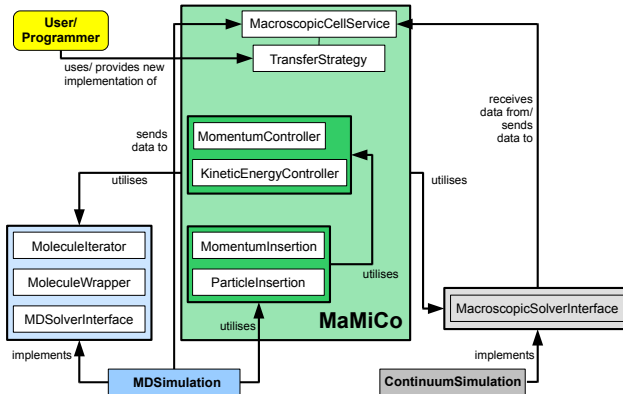
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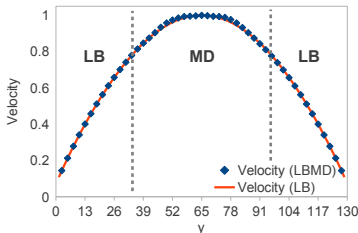
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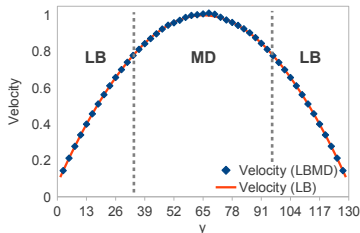


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# Validation



D-linear interpolation



Second-order interpolation

- Fully three-dimensional state-based coupling
- Channel flow
- LB:
  - $54 \times 54 \times 54$  cells
  - $dx = 2.5$
- MD:
  - S.-c. LJ:  $\epsilon = 1.0$ ,  $\sigma = 1.0$
  - $\sim 10^5$  molecules in a cube, placed in the channel center
  - periodic boundaries + buffer regions

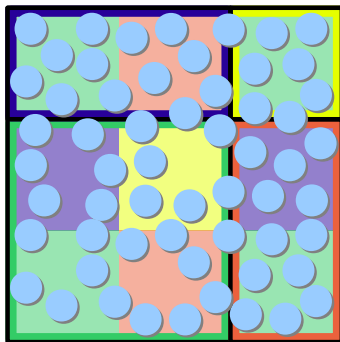
# Runtimes: Mass & Momentum Insertion

Scenario	Runtime (s)	Timesteps/ Particle insertion	Timesteps/ Momentum insertion
MD( $n = 0.40$ ) (2D)	23.5	0	0
MD( $n = 0.78$ ) (2D)	46.6	0	0
Test A (2D)	55.9	30	0
MD( $n = 0.80$ ) (2D)	48.0	0	0
Test B ( $n = 0.80$ ) (2D)	54.8	0	30
MD( $n = 0.40$ ) (3D)	92.1	0	0
MD( $n = 0.78$ ) (3D)	166.7	0	0
Test A (3D)	268.4	15	0
MD( $n = 0.80$ ) (3D)	167.7	0	0
Test B ( $n = 0.80$ ) (3D)	175.2	0	15

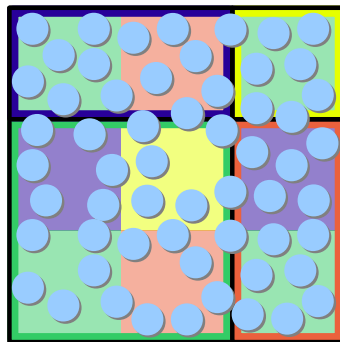
Test A:  $n = 0.40 \rightarrow n = 0.78$

Test B:  $v = 1.0 \rightarrow v = 2.0$

# Parallel Particle Insertion

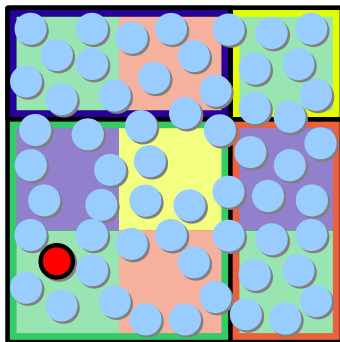


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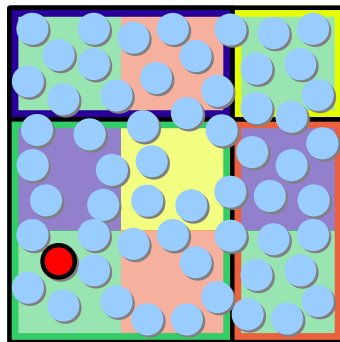


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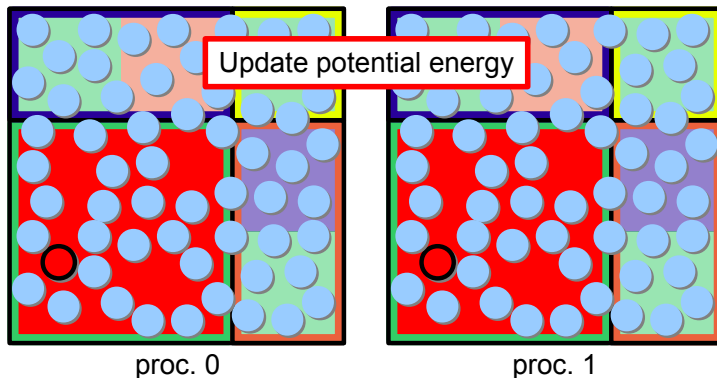


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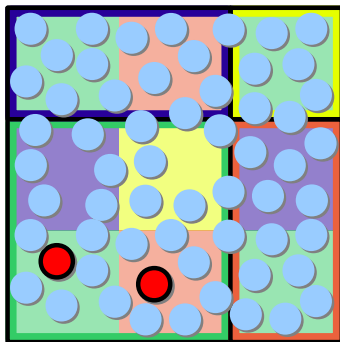


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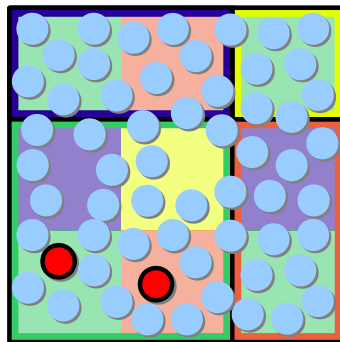
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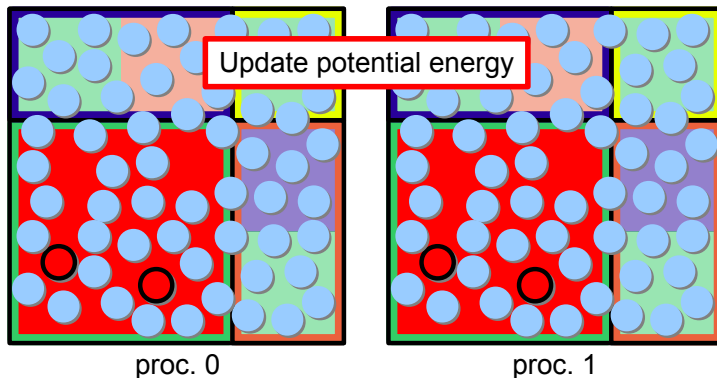


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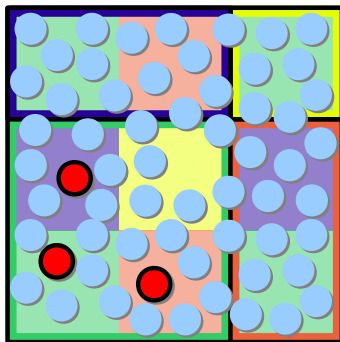


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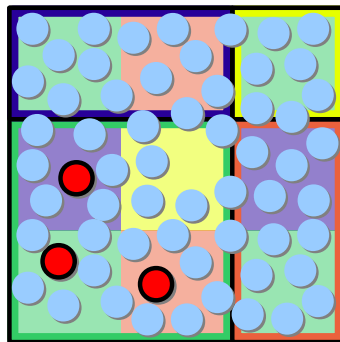
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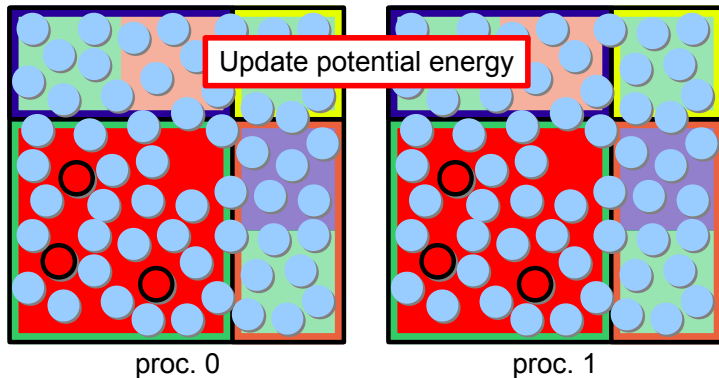


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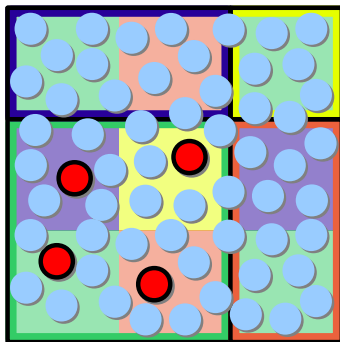


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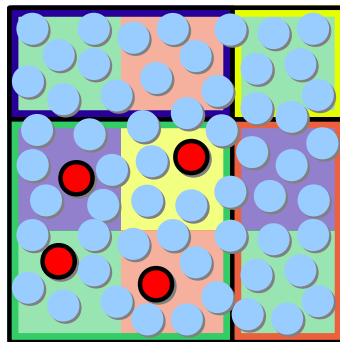
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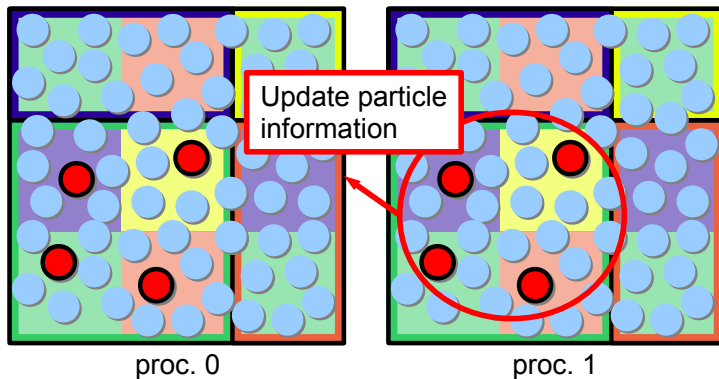


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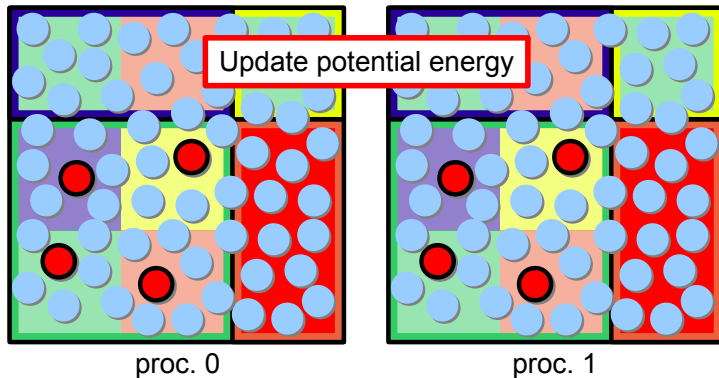


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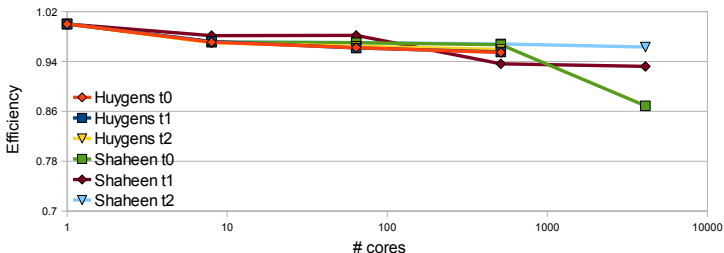
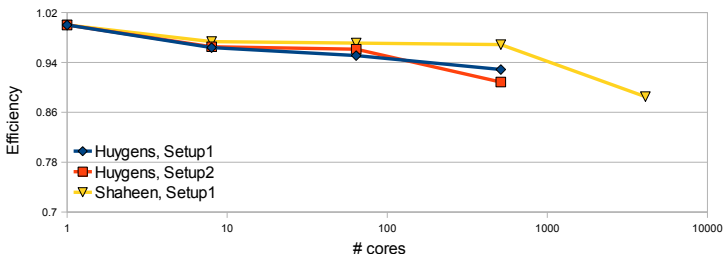
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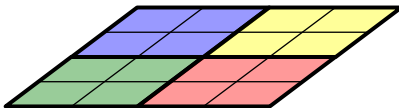
# Parallel Particle Insertion: Weak Scaling (3D)



# Parallelisation: Exchange MD $\leftrightarrow$ LB

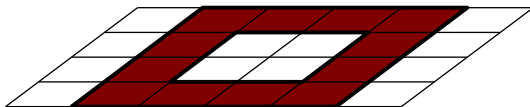


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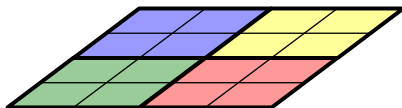
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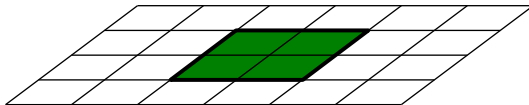
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MacroscopicCellService  
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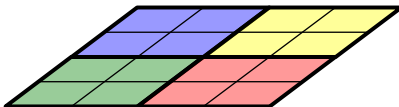
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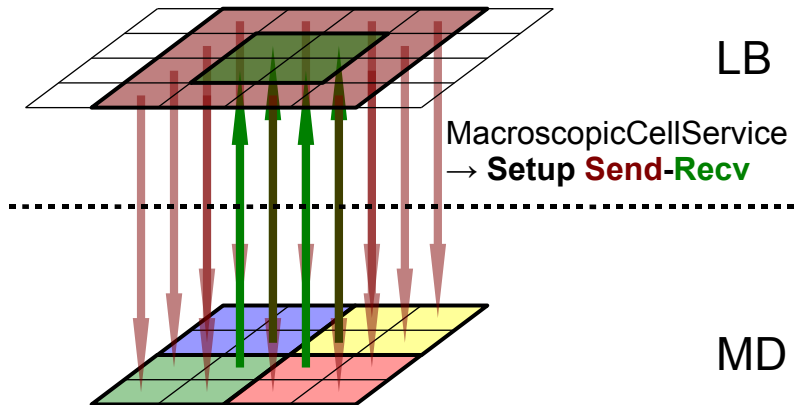
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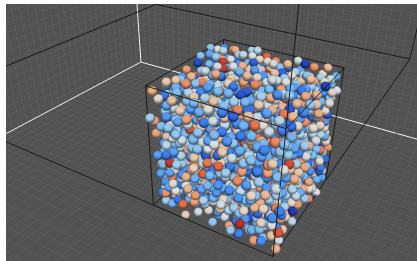
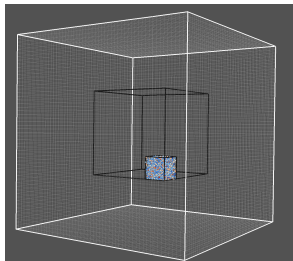


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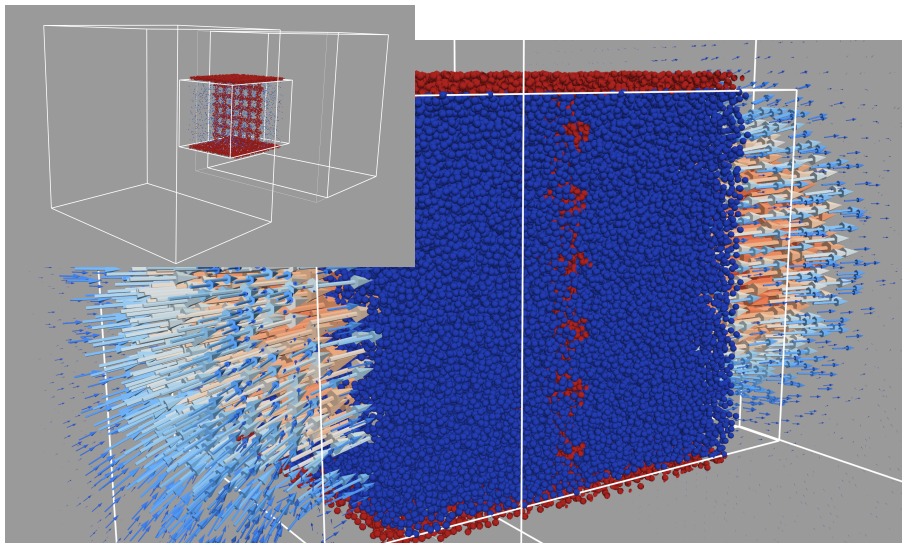
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Proc.	Shaheen		Huygens	
	MD-LB	MD	MD-LB	MD
1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
8	7.2	7.3	7.3	6.9
64	46.0	49.6	45.7	45.3
512	244.0	321.0	235.5	249.7
1728	484.4	814.5	456.7	494.7

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- which provides the ingredients for hybrid molecular–continuum simulations
- takes care of distributed memory parallelisation of hybrid schemes
- shows good scaling behaviour on core counts up to  $O(1000)$

## Outlook:

- Filter simulations
- Open boundaries
- Other MD/ CFD solvers for coupling

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